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Hearing Date and Time: February 24, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) Response Deadline: February 9, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. (Eastern Time)

THE DEBTORS' FORTY-FOURTH OMNIBUS OBJECTION TO CLAIMS SEEKS TO DISALLOW CERTAIN FILED PROOFS OF CLAIM. PARTIES RECEIVING THIS NOTICE SHOULD REVIEW THE OMNIBUS OBJECTION TO DETERMINE IF THEIR NAME(S) AND/OR CLAIM(S) ARE LOCATED IN THE OMNIBUS OBJECTION, AND/OR THE EXHIBIT ATTACHED THERETO, TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE OMNIBUS OBJECTION AFFECTS THEIR CLAIM(S).

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re

: Chapter 11
: Case No. 18-23538 (RDD)
: Debtors. 1
: (Jointly Administered)

NOTICE OF HEARING ON DEBTORS' FORTY-FOURTH OMNIBUS OBJECTION TO PROOFS OF CLAIM (DISALLOW)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, on January 19, 2022, Sears Holdings Corporation and certain of its affiliates, as debtors and debtors in possession in the above-captioned chapter 11

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¹ The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are as follows: Sears Holdings Corporation (0798); Kmart Holding Corporation (3116); Kmart Operations LLC (6546); Sears Operations LLC (4331); Sears, Roebuck and Co. (0680); ServiceLive Inc. (6774); SHC Licensed Business LLC (3718); A&E Factory Service, LLC (6695); A&E Home Delivery, LLC (0205); A&E Lawn & Garden, LLC (5028); A&E Signature Service, LLC (0204); FBA Holdings Inc. (6537); Innovel Solutions, Inc. (7180); Kmart Corporation (9500); MaxServ, Inc. (7626); Private Brands, Ltd. (4022); Sears Development Co. (6028); Sears Holdings Management Corporation (2148); Sears Home & Business Franchises, Inc. (6742); Sears Home Improvement Products, Inc. (8591); Sears Insurance Services, L.L.C. (7182); Sears Procurement Services, Inc. (2859); Sears Protection Company (1250); Sears Protection Company (PR) Inc. (4861); Sears Roebuck Acceptance Corp. (0535); SR – Rover de Puerto Rico, LLC (f/k/a Sears, Roebuck de Puerto Rico, Inc.) (3626); SYW Relay LLC (1870); Wally Labs LLC (None); SHC Promotions LLC (9626); Big Beaver of Florida Development, LLC (None); California Builder Appliances, Inc. (6327); Florida Builder Appliances, Inc. (9133); KBL Holding Inc. (1295); KLC, Inc. (0839);

cases (collectively, the "**Debtors**") filed the *Debtors' Forty-Fourth Omnibus Objection to Proofs of Claim (Disallow)* (the "**Objection**") with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the "**Bankruptcy Court**").

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Objection requests that the Bankruptcy Court disallow, in whole or in part, one or more proofs of claim (the "Claims") filed in these Chapter 11 Cases² listed on **Exhibit A** and **Exhibit B** annexed hereto, on the ground(s) as set forth on each Exhibit.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Court-Ordered Claims Hearing Procedures (the "Claims Hearing Procedures"), annexed hereto as Exhibit C, shall apply and govern the Objection. The Claims Hearing Procedures provide for certain mandatory actions by claimants (each, a "Claimant" and collectively, the "Claimants") within certain time periods. Therefore, please review the Claims Hearing Procedures carefully. Failure to comply with the Claims Hearing Procedures may result in the granting of the relief requested without further notice to the applicable Claimant(s).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, if Claimant does NOT oppose the relief requested with respect to its applicable Claim(s), then Claimant does NOT need to file a written response (the "**Response**") to the Objection and Claimant does NOT need to appear at the Hearing (as defined herein).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, if Claimant DOES oppose the relief requested, then Claimant MUST file with the Bankruptcy Court <u>and</u> serve on the parties listed below a Response to the Objection, so as to be filed and received by no later than February 9, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. (Prevailing Eastern Time) (the "Response Deadline").

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that Response(s) to the Objection, if any, must be in writing, shall conform to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and the Local Bankruptcy Rules for the Southern District of New York, and shall be filed with the Bankruptcy Court (i) by attorneys practicing in the Bankruptcy Court, including attorneys admitted *pro hac vice*, electronically in accordance with General Order M-399 (which can be found at www.nysb.uscourts.gov), and (ii) by all other parties-in-interest, on a CD-ROM, in text-searchable portable document format (PDF) (with a hard copy delivered directly to Chambers), in accordance with the customary practices of the Bankruptcy Court and General Order M-399, to the extent applicable, and shall be served in accordance with the *Amended Order Implementing Certain*

Kmart of Michigan, Inc. (1696); Kmart of Washington LLC (8898); Kmart Stores of Illinois LLC (8897); Kmart Stores of Texas LLC (8915); MyGofer LLC (5531); Rover Brands Business Unit, LLC (f/k/a Sears Brands Business Unit Corporation) (4658); Sears Holdings Publishing Company, LLC. (5554); Sears Protection Company (Florida), L.L.C. (4239); SHC Desert Springs, LLC (None); SOE, Inc. (9616); StarWest, LLC (5379); STI Merchandising, Inc. (0188); Troy Coolidge No. 13, LLC (None); BlueLight.com, Inc. (7034); Sears Brands, L.L.C. (4664); Sears Buying Services, Inc. (6533); Kmart.com LLC (9022); Sears Brands Management Corporation (5365); and SRe Holding Corporation (4816). The location of the Debtors' corporate headquarters is 1700 Broadway, 19th Floor, New York, New York 10019.

² As defined in the Order (I) Confirming Modified Second Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Sears Holdings Corporation and Its Affiliated Debtors and (II) Granting Related Relief (ECF No. 5370) (the "Confirmation Order"). Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Confirmation Order or the Modified Second Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Sears Holdings Corporation and its Affiliated Debtors (ECF No. 5139)) (the "Plan"), as applicable.

Notice and Case Management Procedures, entered on November 1, 2018 (ECF No. 405) (the "Amended Case Management Order"), so as to be filed with the Bankruptcy Court and received by the parties listed below by or before the Response Deadline.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that Response(s) to the Objection, if any, must contain, at a minimum, the following: (i) a caption setting forth the name of the Bankruptcy Court, the names of the Debtors, the case number and the title of the Objection to which the Response is directed; (ii) the name of the Claimant and description of the basis for the amount of the Claim; (iii) a concise statement setting forth the reasons why the Claim should not be disallowed for the reasons set forth in the Objection, including, but not limited to, the specific factual and legal bases upon which Claimant will rely in opposing the Objection; (iv) all documentation or other evidence of the Claim, to the extent not included with the Claim previously filed with the Bankruptcy Court, upon which Claimant will rely in opposing the Objection; (v) the address(es) to which the Debtors must return any reply to Claimant's Response, if different from that presented in the applicable Claim; and (vi) the name, address, and telephone number of the person (which may be Claimant or Claimant's designated legal representative) possessing ultimate authority to reconcile, settle, or otherwise resolve the Claim on Claimant's behalf.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Bankruptcy Court will consider a Response only if the Response is timely filed, served, and received in accordance with the Amended Case Management Order and the procedures set forth herein. A Response will be deemed timely filed, served, and received only if the original Response is actually received on or before the Response Deadline by (i) the chambers of the Honorable Robert D. Drain, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, 300 Quarropas Street, White Plains, New York 10601; (ii) Weil, Gotshal, & Manges LLP, 767 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10153 (Attn: Ray C. Schrock, Esq., Jacqueline Marcus, Esq., Garrett A. Fail, Esq., and Sunny Singh, Esq.), attorneys for the Debtors; and (iii) Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, One Bryant Park, New York, New York 10036 (Attn: Philip C. Dublin, Esq., Ira Dizengoff, Esq., and Sara Lynne Brauner, Esq.), attorneys for the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors appointed in these cases.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, except as otherwise permitted under the Claims Hearing Procedures, a hearing to consider the Objection will be held before the Honorable Robert D. Drain, United States Bankruptcy Judge, at the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, 300 Quarropas Street, White Plains, New York 10601, on February 24, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. (Prevailing Eastern Time) (the "Hearing"). If Claimant files a Response to the Objection, Claimant should plan to appear at the Hearing. The Debtors, however, reserve the right to continue the Hearing on the Objection with respect to the Claim(s) that are the subject of such Response. If the Debtors do continue the Hearing with respect to such Claim(s), then the Hearing on the Objection with respect to such Claim(s) will be held at a later date. If the Debtors do not continue the Hearing with respect to such Claim(s), then a Hearing on the Objection will be conducted on the above date.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if Claimant does not timely file and serve a Response to the Objection, the Debtors may, on or after the Response Deadline, submit to the Bankruptcy Court an order substantially in the form of the proposed order annexed as **Exhibit C** to the Objection, which order may be entered without further notice or opportunity to be heard.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Debtors retain the right to object on other grounds to the Claim(s) (or to any other Claim(s) Claimant may have filed) at a later date. Claimant will receive a separate notice of any such objection(s).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that Claimant may participate in the Hearing telephonically, provided Claimant complies with the Bankruptcy Court's instructions (including, without limitation, providing prior written notice to counsel for the Debtors and any statutory committee), which can be found on the Bankruptcy Court's website at www.nysb.uscourts.gov.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, if any Claimant wishes to view the complete Objection, such Claimant can do so for free at https://restructuring.primeclerk.com/sears. Claimants should not contact the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court to discuss the merits of their Proof(s) of Claim.

Dated: January 19, 2022 New York, New York

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Exhibit A

Disallowed and Expunged Claims (in part)

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Debtors' Forty-Fourth Omnibus Objection to Claims and Ballots Exhibit A – Disallowed Claims (in part)

In re: Sears Holdings Corporation, et al. Case No. 18-23538 (RDD)

Schedule of Claims to be Disallowed										
Ref #	Name of Claimant	Affected Claim No.	Claim Status	Administrative Priority Claim	503(b)(9) Administrative Priority Claim	Secured Claim	Priority Claim	General Unsecured Claim	Total Claim	Reasons for Reduction (a)
1.	NM Taxation & Revenue Department	8594	Asserted				\$8,967.62	\$1,864.89	\$10,832.51	(i)
			Surviving				\$31.42	\$1,864.89	\$1,896.31	
2.	Ohio Department of Taxation	20343	Asserted				\$52,705.27	\$7,337.22	\$60,042.49	(i)
			Surviving				\$41,277.78	\$7,337.22	\$48,615.00	
3.	State of New Jersey	26496	Asserted				\$258,217.85	\$164,508.12	\$422,725.97	— (ii)
			Surviving				\$125,561.18	\$164,508.12	\$290,069.30	
4.	State of New Jersey/Division of Taxation	10380	Asserted				\$349,209.02	\$204,984.58	\$554,193.60	— (ii)
			Surviving				\$252,987.77	\$204,984.58	\$457,972.35	

- (a) Corresponding reasons, as addressed in paragraph 9 of the Objection, are as follows:
 - (i) Claim has been satisfied.
 - (ii) Asserted Claim is not supported by the Debtors' books and records.

Exhibit B

Disallowed and Expunged Claims (entire claim)

Debtors' Forty-Fourth Omnibus Objection to Claims and Ballots Exhibit B – Disallowed Claims (entire claim)

In re: Sears Holdings Corporation, et al.

Case No. 18-23538 (RDD)

Schedule of Claims to be Disallowed						
Ref	Name of Claimant	Proof of Claim No. to be Disallowed	Reason for Proposed Disallowance			
1.	310 Carolina St LLC	5071	Asserted claim is not supported by the Debtors' books and records			
2.	4320 N. 124th Street LLC	8943	Claim has been satisfied.			
3.	Bowie Central Appraisal District, collecting property taxes for The County of Bowie, Texas, The City of Texarkana, Texas, Liberty-Eylau Independent School District, and Texarkana College	26252	Duplicative Claim			
4.	Calcasieu Parish Sheriff & Tax Collector	26332	Claim has been satisfied.			
5.	Clark County Assessor	26452	Duplicative Claim			
6.	Collin County Tax Assessor / Collector	26339	Duplicative Claim			
7.	Comanche County Treasurer	18950	Claim has been satisfied.			
8.	Industrial Commission of Arizona	26382	Asserted claim is not supported by the Debtors' books and records			
9.	Industrial Commission of Arizona	26379	Asserted claim is not supported by the Debtors' books and records			
10.	Maverick County	5509	Claim has been satisfied.			
11.	Midstate Properties Company Limited	11811	Claim has been satisfied.			
12.	POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY TREASURER	26371	Claim has been satisfied.			
13.	State of New Jersey, Division of Taxation	6926	Asserted claim is not supported by the Debtors' books and records			

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Exhibit C

Claims Hearing Procedures

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK		
In re	x :	Chapter 11
SEARS HOLDINGS CORPORATION, et al.,	:	Case No. 18-23538 (RDD)
Debtors. ¹	: :	(Jointly Administered)
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COURT-ORDERED CLAIMS HEARING PROCEDURES

The claims hearing procedures (the "Claims Hearing Procedures") described herein have been ordered by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the "Bankruptcy Court") to apply to the Chapter 11 cases of the Sears Holdings Corporation and its affiliated debtors (collectively, the "Debtors").

I. Claims Hearing Procedures

- 1. Pursuant to the Amended Order Implementing Certain Notice and Case Management Procedures, entered on November 1, 2018 (ECF No. 405) (the "Amended Case Management Order"), the Bankruptcy Court established periodic omnibus hearings (the "Omnibus Hearings") in these Chapter 11 cases. The Debtors shall schedule the return date for claims objections, omnibus or otherwise, for hearing at Omnibus Hearings or other hearings the Debtors may schedule with the Bankruptcy Court.
- 2. The Bankruptcy Court may enter an order at the scheduled hearing sustaining an objection to proofs of claim (each, a "**Proof of Claim**") with respect to which no response (a "**Response**")² is properly filed and served.

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² Any information submitted in connection with a Proof of Claim shall be part of the record with respect to the relevant Claim, and any such information already submitted need not be resubmitted in connection with the Claims Hearing Procedures.

- 3. The hearing to consider an objection to Proofs of Claim as to which a Response is properly filed and served (each, a "Contested Claim") shall be set for a contested hearing (each, a "Claims Hearing") to be scheduled by the Debtors, in their sole discretion, as set forth herein. The Debtors may request that the Bankruptcy Court schedule Claims Hearings on the date and/or time of the Omnibus Hearings or at another date and time.
- 4. The Debtors shall schedule a Claims Hearing for a Contested Claim as follows:
 - (i) For a non-evidentiary hearing to address whether the Contested Claim has failed to state a claim against the Debtors which can be allowed and should be dismissed pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 7012 (a "Sufficiency Hearing"), unless the Debtors serve the applicable claimant (the "Claimant") with a Notice of Merits Hearing (as defined herein), the Sufficiency Hearing shall go forward at the return date set in accordance with paragraph 1 of these Claims Hearing Procedures. The legal standard of review that will be applied by the Bankruptcy Court at a Sufficiency Hearing will be equivalent to the standard applied by the Bankruptcy Court upon a motion to dismiss for failure to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.
 - (ii) For an evidentiary hearing on the merits of a Contested Claim (a "Merits Hearing"), the Debtors may, in their sole discretion, serve upon the relevant Claimant, by email or overnight delivery, with a copy to the Creditors' Committee, and file with the Bankruptcy Court, a notice substantially in the form attached to the *Order Approving (I) Claims Objection Procedures, (II) Claims Settlement Procedures, and (III) Claims Hearing Procedures* (ECF No. 3014) as Exhibit 2 (a "Notice of Merits Hearing"), at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the date of such Merits Hearing. The rules and procedures applicable to such Merits Hearing will be set forth in any scheduling order issued by the Bankruptcy Court in connection therewith.
- 5. Discovery with respect to a Contested Claim will not be permitted until either: (i) the Bankruptcy Court has held a Sufficiency Hearing and determined that the Contested Claim states a claim that could be allowed and should not be dismissed pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 7012; or (ii) the Debtors have served on the relevant Claimant a Notice of Merits Hearing with respect to the Contested Claim.
- 6. The Debtors may file and serve a reply (a "**Reply**") to a Response no later than 4:00 p.m. (Prevailing Eastern Time) on the day that is at least two (2) business days prior to the date of the applicable hearing.
- 7. The Debtors, in their sole discretion, are authorized to further adjourn a hearing scheduled in accordance herewith at any time by providing notice to the Bankruptcy Court and the Claimant.
- 8. **Sanctions**. The Bankruptcy Court will consider appropriate sanctions, including allowance or disallowance of the Contested Claim, if either party does not follow the Claims Hearing Procedures.

BY ORDER OF THE BANKRUPTCY COURT

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In re : Chapter 11

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SEARS HOLDINGS CORPORATION, et al., : Case No. 18-23538 (RDD)

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Debtors.¹ : (Jointly Administered)

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DEBTORS' FORTY-FOURTH OMNIBUS OBJECTION TO PROOFS OF CLAIM (DISALLOW)

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THIS OMNIBUS OBJECTION SEEKS TO DISALLOW CERTAIN FILED PROOFS OF CLAIM. CLAIMANTS RECEIVING THIS OMNIBUS OBJECTION SHOULD LOCATE THEIR NAMES AND CLAIMS ON THE EXHIBIT ATTACHED TO THIS OMNIBUS OBJECTION.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE DEBTORS' COUNSEL DOMINIC A. LITZ, ESQ. AT (212) 310-8346.

TO THE HONORABLE ROBERT D. DRAIN, UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE:

Sears Holdings Corporation and its debtor affiliates, as debtors and debtors in possession in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (collectively, the "**Debtors**"), respectfully represent as follows in support of this omnibus objection (the "**Objection**"):

Background

- 1. Beginning on October 15, 2018 (the "Commencement Date") and continuing thereafter, each of the Debtors commenced with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the "Bankruptcy Court") a voluntary case under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"). The Debtors are authorized to continue to operate their business and manage their properties as debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 2. On October 24, 2018, the United States Trustee for Region 2 appointed an official committee of unsecured creditors. No trustee or examiner has been appointed in these chapter 11 cases.
- 3. The Debtors' chapter 11 cases are being jointly administered for procedural purposes only pursuant to Rule 1015(b) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules").
- 4. On February 8, 2019, the Bankruptcy Court entered the *Order (I) Approving* the Asset Purchase Agreement Among Sellers and Buyer, (II) Authorizing the Sale of Certain of

the Debtors' Assets Free and Clear of Liens, Claims, Interests and Encumbrances, (III) Authorizing the Assumption and Assignment of Certain Executory Contracts, and Leases in Connection Therewith and (IV) Granting Related Relief (ECF No. 2507), pursuant to which the Debtors sold substantially all their assets.

- 5. On October 15, 2019, the Court confirmed the *Modified Second Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Sears Holdings Corporation and Its Affiliated Debtors* (ECF No. 5370).
- 6. Additional information regarding the Debtors' business, capital structure, and the circumstances leading to the commencement of these chapter 11 cases is set forth in the Disclosure Statement for Second Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Sears Holdings Corporation and Its Affiliated Debtors (the "Disclosure Statement") (ECF No. 4390).²

Jurisdiction

7. This Bankruptcy Court has jurisdiction to consider this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. This is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b). Venue is proper before this Bankruptcy Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

Relief Requested

- 8. The Debtors file this Objection pursuant to section 502 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 3007, seeking entry of an order: (i) disallowing, in part proofs of claim (each, a "Claim" and collectively, the "Claims") listed on <u>Exhibit A</u>³ annexed hereto, and (ii) disallowing entirely the Claims listed on <u>Exhibit B</u>.
- 9. The Debtors have examined each Claim subject to this objection, all documentation provided with respect to each such Claim, and the Debtors' respective books and

² Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the respective meanings ascribed to such terms in the Disclosure Statement.

³ The Debtors seek to disallow asserted portions of the Claims listed on $\underline{\text{Exhibit A}}$ only as set forth on $\underline{\text{Exhibit A}}$. The Debtors reserve their rights to file a further objection to any other portion of the Claims.

records, and have determined in each case that the Claims should be disallowed in accordance with and for the reasons set forth on the exhibits attached hereto. Each of the Claims should be disallowed, in whole or in part, on one of the following bases: (i) the Claim has been satisfied; (ii) the Claim asserts a liability against a non-Debtor; (iii) the Debtors' books and records do not support the asserted Claim; or (iv) the Claim is duplicative.

10. The Debtors, therefore, request: (i) that the claims listed on **Exhibit A** be disallowed and expunged, to the extent set forth on **Exhibit A**, and (ii) that the claims listed on **Exhibit B** be disallowed and expunged in their entirety. A proposed form of order granting the relief requested herein is annexed hereto as **Exhibit C** (the "**Proposed Order**").

The Claims Should Be Disallowed

- objects." 11 U.S.C. § 502(a). Upon an objection, the claimant has the burden to demonstrate the validity of the claim. See Rozier v. Rescap Borrower Claims Tr. (In re Residential Capital, LLC), 15 Civ. 3248, 2016 WL, 796860, at *9 (S.D.N.Y. 2016); In re Arcapita Bank B.S.C.(c), No. 12–11076 (SHL), 2013 WL 6141616, at *1 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Nov. 21, 2013), aff'd sub nom. In re Arcapita Bank B.S.C.(c), 508 B.R. 814, 817 (S.D.N.Y. 2014); In re Motors Liquidation Co., No. 09-50026, 2012 WL 1886755, at *3 (S.D.N.Y. May 12, 2012); In re Oneida, Ltd., 400 B.R. 384, 389 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2009), aff'd, No. 09 Civ. 2229 (DC), 2010 WL 234827, at *5 (S.D.N.Y. Jan. 22, 2010); In re Adelphia Commc'ns Corp., Ch. 11 Case No. 02-41729, 2007 Bankr. LEXIS 660, at *15 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Feb. 20, 2007); In re Rockefeller Ctr. Props., 272 B.R. 524, 539 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2000).
- 12. Section 502(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code provides, in relevant part, that a claim may not be allowed to the extent that "such claim is unenforceable against the debtor and property of the debtor, under any agreement or applicable law." 11 U.S.C. § 502(b)(1). Further,

Bankruptcy Rule 3007(d)(1) permits a debtor to file objections to more than one claim on the basis that, among other things, such claims "duplicate other claims." Fed. R. Bankr. P. 3007(d)(1).

- A. Disallowed and Expunged Claims
- entitled to administrative expense, priority, or secured status under the Bankruptcy Code. Each of these claims have either been paid, are not the responsibility of the Debtors, and/or are duplicative of another Claim. Such claims are routinely disallowed and expunged when unsupported or as appropriate. See, e.g. In re RDA Holding Co., Case No. 13-22233 (RDD) (Sep. 18, 2013) (ECF No. 699) (ECF No. 10331) (disallowing and expunging entirely no liability claims); In re The Great Atl. & Pac. Tea Co., Inc., Case No. 15-23007 (RDD) (Aug. 26, 2016) (ECF No. 3132) (same); In re Tops Holding II Corp., Case No. 18-22279 (RDD) (Apr. 26, 2019) (ECF No. 911) (same). The Debtors have reviewed the Claims listed on Exhibit A and Exhibit B, all documents furnished by the Claimants with respect to such Claims, and the Debtors' books and records, and have determined that each such Claim asserts a claim for which the Debtors are not liable for the entire asserted amount for the reasons set forth herein and in Exhibit A and Exhibit B.
- 14. Therefore, each of the claims listed on **Exhibit A** should be disallowed as set forth on **Exhibit A** and the Claims listed on **Exhibit B** should be disallowed in their entirety, for the reasons set forth therein, respectively.

Reservation of Rights

15. The Debtors hereby reserve the right to object in the future to any of the Claims subject to this Objection on any ground, and to amend, modify, and/or supplement this Objection to the extent an objection to a Claim is not granted. A separate notice and hearing will be scheduled for any such objection.

Notice

16. Notice of this Objection has been provided in accordance with the procedures set forth in the *Amended Order Implementing Certain Notice and Case Management Procedures*, entered on November 1, 2018 (ECF No. 405) (the "Amended Case Management Order"). The Debtors respectfully submit that no further notice is required.

17. No previous request for the relief sought herein has been made by the Debtors to this or any other Court.

WHEREFORE the Debtors respectfully request entry of the Proposed Order granting the relief requested herein and such other and further relief as is just.

Dated: January 19, 2022 New York, New York

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Exhibit A

Disallowed and Expunged Claims (in part)

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Debtors' Forty-Fourth Omnibus Objection to Claims and Ballots Exhibit A – Disallowed Claims (in part)

In re: Sears Holdings Corporation, *et al.*Case No. 18-23538 (RDD)

Schedule of Claims to be Disallowed										
Ref #	Name of Claimant	Affected Claim No.	Claim Status	Administrative Priority Claim	503(b)(9) Administrative Priority Claim	Secured Claim	Priority Claim	General Unsecured Claim	Total Claim	Reasons for Reduction (a)
1.	NM Taxation & Revenue Department	8594	Asserted				\$8,967.62	\$1,864.89	\$10,832.51	(i)
			Surviving				\$31.42	\$1,864.89	\$1,896.31	
2.	Ohio Department of Taxation	20343	Asserted				\$52,705.27	\$7,337.22	\$60,042.49	(i)
			Surviving				\$41,277.78	\$7,337.22	\$48,615.00	
3.	State of New Jersey	26496	Asserted				\$258,217.85	\$164,508.12	\$422,725.97	(ii)
			Surviving				\$125,561.18	\$164,508.12	\$290,069.30	
4.	State of New Jersey/Division of Taxation	10380	Asserted				\$349,209.02	\$204,984.58	\$554,193.60	(ii)
			Surviving				\$252,987.77	\$204,984.58	\$457,972.35	

- (a) Corresponding reasons, as addressed in paragraph 9 of the Objection, are as follows:
 - (i) Claim has been satisfied.
 - (ii) Asserted Claim is not supported by the Debtors' books and records.

Exhibit A

Disallowed and Expunged Claims (entire claim)

Debtors' Forty-Fourth Omnibus Objection to Claims and Ballots Exhibit B – Disallowed Claims (entire claim)

In re: Sears Holdings Corporation, et al.

Case No. 18-23538 (RDD)

Schedule of Claims to be Disallowed						
Ref		Proof of Claim No. to	Reason for			
#	Name of Claimant	be Disallowed	Proposed Disallowance			
1.	310 Carolina St LLC	5071	Asserted claim is not supported by the Debtors' books and records			
2.	4320 N. 124th Street LLC	8943	Claim has been satisfied.			
3.	Bowie Central Appraisal District, collecting property taxes for The County of Bowie, Texas, The City of Texarkana, Texas, Liberty-Eylau Independent School District, and Texarkana College	26252	Duplicative Claim			
4.	Calcasieu Parish Sheriff & Tax Collector	26332	Claim has been satisfied.			
5.	Clark County Assessor	26452	Duplicative Claim			
6.	Collin County Tax Assessor / Collector	26339	Duplicative Claim			
7.	Comanche County Treasurer	18950	Claim has been satisfied.			
8.	Industrial Commission of Arizona	26382	Asserted claim is not supported by the Debtors' books and records			
9.	Industrial Commission of Arizona	26379	Asserted claim is not supported by the Debtors' books and records			
10.	Maverick County	5509	Claim has been satisfied.			
11.	Midstate Properties Company Limited	11811	Claim has been satisfied.			
12.	POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY TREASURER	26371	Claim has been satisfied.			
13.	State of New Jersey, Division of Taxation	6926	Asserted claim is not supported by the Debtors' books and records			

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Exhibit C

Proposed Order

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In re : Chapter 11

SEARS HOLDINGS CORPORATION, et al., : Case No. 18-23538 (RDD)

Debtors.¹ : (Jointly Administered)

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ORDER GRANTING DEBTORS' FORTY-FOURTH OMNIBUS OBJECTION TO PROOFS OF CLAIM (DISALLOW)

Upon the *Debtors' Forty-Fourth Omnibus Objection to Proofs of Claim (Disallow)*, filed January 19, 2021 (the "**Objection**"),² of Sears Holdings Corporation and its debtor affiliates, as debtors and debtors in possession in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases, pursuant to section 502 under title 11 of the United States Code, and Rule 3007 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedures, for an order disallowing the Claims, all as more fully set forth in the Objection; and the Bankruptcy Court having jurisdiction to consider the Objection and the relief requested therein in accordance with 28 U.S.C. §§ 157(a)-(b) and 1334 and the *Amended Standing Order of Reference M-431*, dated January 31, 2012 (Preska, C.J.); and consideration of the Objection and the relief requested therein being a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b); and venue being proper before this Bankruptcy Court pursuant

¹ The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are as follows: Sears Holdings Corporation (0798); Kmart Holding Corporation (3116); Kmart Operations LLC (6546); Sears Operations LLC (4331); Sears, Roebuck and Co. (0680); ServiceLive Inc. (6774); SHC Licensed Business LLC (3718); A&E Factory Service, LLC (6695); A&E Home Delivery, LLC (0205); A&E Lawn & Garden, LLC (5028); A&E Signature Service, LLC (0204); FBA Holdings Inc. (6537); Innovel Solutions, Inc. (7180); Kmart Corporation (9500); MaxServ, Inc. (7626); Private Brands, Ltd. (4022); Sears Development Co. (6028); Sears Holdings Management Corporation (2148); Sears Home & Business Franchises, Inc. (6742); Sears Home Improvement Products, Inc. (8591); Sears Insurance Services, L.L.C. (7182); Sears Procurement Services, Inc. (2859); Sears Protection Company (1250); Sears Protection Company (PR) Inc. (4861); Sears Roebuck Acceptance Corp. (0535); SR - Rover de Puerto Rico, LLC (f/k/a Sears, Roebuck de Puerto Rico, Inc.) (3626); SYW Relay LLC (1870); Wally Labs LLC (None); SHC Promotions LLC (9626); Big Beaver of Florida Development, LLC (None); California Builder Appliances, Inc. (6327); Florida Builder Appliances, Inc. (9133); KBL Holding Inc. (1295); KLC, Inc. (0839); Kmart of Michigan, Inc. (1696); Kmart of Washington LLC (8898); Kmart Stores of Illinois LLC (8897); Kmart Stores of Texas LLC (8915); MyGofer LLC (5531); Rover Brands Business Unit, LLC (f/k/a Sears Brands Business Unit Corporation) (4658); Sears Holdings Publishing Company, LLC. (5554); Sears Protection Company (Florida), L.L.C. (4239); SHC Desert Springs, LLC (None); SOE, Inc. (9616); StarWest, LLC (5379); STI Merchandising, Inc. (0188); Troy Coolidge No. 13, LLC (None); BlueLight.com, Inc. (7034); Sears Brands, L.L.C. (4664); Sears Buying Services, Inc. (6533); Kmart.com LLC (9022); Sears Brands Management Corporation (5365); and SRe Holding Corporation (4816). The location of the Debtors' corporate headquarters is 1700 Broadway, 19th Floor, New York, New York 10019.

² Capitalized terms not otherwise herein defined shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Objection.

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to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and due and proper notice of the relief requested in the Objection having been provided, and it appearing that no other or further notice need be provided in accordance with the Amended Case Management Order; and such notice having been adequate and appropriate under the circumstances, and it appearing that other or further notice need be provided; and the Court having held a hearing to consider the relief requested in the Objection on [__] (the "Hearing"); and upon the record of the Hearing, and upon all of the proceedings had before the Bankruptcy Court; and the Bankruptcy Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Objection establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and is in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates, their creditors, and all parties in interest; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT

- 1. The Objection is granted to the extent set forth herein.
- 2. Pursuant to section 502 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 3007, the Claims listed on **Exhibit A** are disallowed and expunged as set forth on **Exhibit A** and the Claims listed on **Exhibit B** are disallowed and expunged in their entirety.
- 3. This Order shall not be deemed to waive, impair, release, or effect on any claims, causes of action the Debtors may hold against the Claimants, including but not limited to, claims under chapter 5 of the Bankruptcy Code, and all claims and causes of action against such Claimants shall be expressly preserved.
- 4. The Debtors' rights are fully reserved to object to any remaining amounts of the Claims listed on the on **Exhibit A**.
- 5. The Debtors, the Debtors' claims and noticing agent, Prime Clerk, and the Clerk of this Bankruptcy Court are authorized to take all actions necessary or appropriate to give effect to this Order.

	6. The terms and cond	ditions of this Order are effective immediately upon entry.
Dated:	, 2022 White Plains, New York	
		HONORABLE ROBERT D. DRAIN UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

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Exhibit A

Disallowed and Expunged Claims (in part)

Exhibit B

Disallowed and Expunged Claims (entire claim)